

Branford Coastal Vulnerability ad hoc Working Group

Town of Branford, Connecticut

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Zoom Meeting Agenda
September 14, 2020
4:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84661344893?pwd=UmNvQUtyeGluaSs4UmVrRHZwS3Zxdz09>
Meeting ID: 846 6134 4893, Passcode: 451114

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of meeting notes

List of recent additions to Dropbox

Several documents have been added to the CVWG dropbox (<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xot5mxfyint8ai8/AAC2xuPI-UJVn6iAgT8zBeAVa?dl=0>) for your review.

- **SCRCOG** – Regional Framework for Coastal Resilience - Legal, Policy, and Regulatory Assessment Guide
- **CIRCA** Webinar – “Resilient Connecticut Tools: Exploring CIRCA's Latest Products” the presentation and the recording can be accessed at - https://resilientconnecticut.uconn.edu/2020/05/11/rct_tools_and_maps_webinar/
- **Scientific American** article “Removing 1 Million Homes from Flood Zones Could Save \$1 Trillion” can be viewed at - <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/removing-1-million-homes-from-flood-zones-could-save-1-trillion/>
- **Western Carolina University** article “Coastal Hazards and Targeted Acquisitions: A Reasonable Shoreline Management Alternative” can be found in dropbox subdirectory #2.

Report on Creek Court property acquisition:

- The proposed acquisition of 17 Creek Court was not approved by the June RTM meeting
- A case was made for the more careful preparation of the means and methods of property acquisition before the Town pursues future opportunities.

Discussion and Establishment of 2020 Goals: (suggestions)

- Outreach and Communication
Utilize, Expand and Re-organize the Malone & MacBroom PowerPoint presentation tailored to presentations to blocks of the shoreline neighborhood and to the community as a whole. Orchestrate presentations. Hold as least one neighborhood and one

community event. The Malone & MacBroom town presentations can be found in Dropbox subdirectory #1

- Organize and Catalog a list of recommended project actions

John Hoeffler, Town Engineer, has requested that the CVWG comb thru the 2016 Plan, the YSFE study, the Branford Hazard Mitigation, and the SCROG Regional Framework for Coastal Resilience and develop a coherent “database” of recommended projects and actions. This would start as a simple spreadsheet and expand into a true database in the future. This Chair is working on an outline of the elements of information to be collected for each project action.

- Build CVWG knowledge base (appoint committee members to lead each effort)
 1. Legal - considerations in implementing resiliency actions particularly where private interests are at stake
 2. Zoning - considerations useful to implement private, commercial and public interests
 3. Communication - tools that can be used to further public awareness
 4. Funding - resources available for resiliency activities
 5. Resiliency Action database – see above
 6. Web Resources – sources of resiliency information and tools

Task Appointments and Actions:

- Establish tasks and action list
- Assign appointed committee members to each

Peter Hentschel, Chairperson